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## LOUISIANA AQUACULTURE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (AGP) Application for Assistance

Complete, sign and have this application notarized then mail the original to:	For further information, please contact:
Aquaculture Block Grant Program	Roy Johnson
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Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry	Phone: (225) 922-1280 Fax: (225) 237-5710
Marketing Division	E-Mail: roy_j@ldaf.state.la.us
P.O Box 3334	Application Periods: GO Zone June 30 – July 31, 2006
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334	Remainder of Louisiana July 31 – August 31, 2006
Were you in aquaculture production on August 29, 2005? Yes □ No □ Did you suffer an aquacultural loss due to either Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita? Yes □ No □ If the answer to either of the above is no, stop now, you are not eligible for payment under AGP.	
Producer Data	Farm Data
Name:	Type of Production: (i.e. crawfish, catfish, turtle, etc.)
Address:	
City, LA, Zip:	Units of Measure for 2005
FSA Farm Number:	Catfish – Tons of Feed Purchased
Parish: Phone:	Crawfish – Acres Farmed
Cell Phone: Fax:	Alligator – Tags Issued
E-Mail:	Turtles, Bait Fish, Hatcheries – Pounds/Units
	and All Others (Please specify)
Other Hurricane Aquaculture Disaster Relief Received	Type of Loss
	Damage or Loss Amount
Program Amount Received \$	1. Production Loss
	2. Property Loss
Program Amount Received \$	3. Impoundment Erosion
	4. Other Aquaculture Loss
Program Amount Received \$	Total:
	Attach a detailed summary of your losses.
I hereby certify that the information contained on this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false statements or representations to representatives of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry or the Farm Service Agency is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. I further agree to keep records pertaining to the information provided herein for three (3) years following the end of the year during which this application was filed. I will permit authorized representatives of the State of Louisiana, the USDA, OIG and/or the GAO to inspect, examine and copy said records. All the claims on this form and it's attachments are for aquaculture production within the boundary of Louisiana.  SWORN to and subscribed before me this the day of, 2006	
Producer Signature	SEAL
	My commission expires Notary Public
Date	
Department Use Only:	

Date:

Action:

Date:

#### **DEFINITIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**Application Period** means from June 30, 2006 through July 31, 2006 for aquaculture producers located in the GO Zone and July 31, 2006 through August 31, 2006 for aquaculture producers in all other Louisiana parishes.

**Aquaculture** means the producing, raising, managing or harvesting of aquatic livestock under controlled circumstances within or from a constructed impoundment.

**Aquaculture Producer** means any person engaged in producing, raising, managing or harvesting of aquatic livestock.

**Aquaculture Product** means catfish, crawfish, reptiles, baitfish and other finfish that are produced, raised, managed, or harvested within or from a constructed impoundment.

#### Eligible Aquaculture Producer means an aquaculture producer that:

Was actively engaged in aquaculture production on August 29, 2005;

Raises aquacultural products in constructed impoundment;

Was located in Louisiana:

Suffered a loss due to either or both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Not have received assistance for that same loss under other disaster programs.

**FSA Farm Number** means that number assigned to the farm by the USDA Farm Service Agency Parish office.

**Finfish** means members of the classes Pisces produced in aquaculture facilities for any purpose be they food fish, baitfish, stocking fish, hatchery fish or ornamental fish.

Gulf Opportunity (GO) Zone means the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

**Impoundment Loss** means the total loss of, or damage to, impoundments, levees, pond banks or other artificial embankments.

**Maximum Benefits** under this program are \$80,000 per farming operation.

**Other Aquacultural Loss** means the loss of sales, markets, transportation, interest expense or other economic damage caused by either Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

**Production Loss** means the loss inventory of catfish, crawfish, reptiles, baitfish and other finfish by any means (death, escape from impoundment, spoilage, etc.)

**Property Loss** means the total loss of, or damage to, buildings, structures or equipment used exclusively in the production of aquaculture.

### TO BE COMPLETE A PACKET MUST INCLUDE

- Return originals by mail or delivery service to Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.
- A completed, signed and notarized application form within the timetable for your Parish.
- A completed and signed Modified IRS W-9 Form.
- A detailed list of losses.
- Any supplementary material that proves a loss (photographs, estimates from contractors, paid repair bills, documentation from insurance companies. Etc.)
- Please type or print legibly.